



ABOUT

The Colorado Healing Fund (CHF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2018 by a group of victim advocates and community leaders to establish a single, secure way for the public to contribute to victims of mass casualty crimes in Colorado and address gaps in current resources. Initial funding of \$1,000,000 was provided by the Colorado Attorney General's Office - \$850,000 dedicated to victims and \$150,000 for CHF operational costs. CHF is governed by a Board of Trustees that represents a wide range of communities within the state and supported by an Advisory Committee comprised of experts in victim advocacy and assistance.

MISSION

CHF's mission is to assist local communities with the financial, emotional, and physical needs of victims of mass casualty that occur in the state of Colorado. This is federally defined as a criminal act in which four or more people, selected indiscriminately, are killed. CHF has the discretion to also help in the case of four or more people being critically injured. Relatives of the victims who were killed and individuals who were injured are given priority for CHF assistance. The CHF Board of Trustees also has the discretion to extend assistance to other impacted by the criminal act, such as witnesses and the community at-large.

There are a number of other credible and vital organizations in Colorado that assist victims – CHF doesn't want to duplicate or replace that important work. CHF is purely meant to serve as a trusted, secure, contributing partner that can help address needs that may be outside the scope of other organizations, or require additional monetary support. CHF removes any opportunities for fraud or misplacement of funds (as can happen through social media or unverified charity platforms) – providing a secure location for donations to be delivered and dispersed from. CHF utilizes the Advisory Committee to help guide recommendations and then the funds are issued to victim assistance groups that are working directly with the victims and can ensure they receive the money in a timely manner.

VALUES

COMPASSION We provide immediate and long-term assistance and support to victims of mass tragedy in Colorado.

SECURITY The Fund creates a safe and effective way for the public to make monetary donations to help victims of mass tragedy in Colorado.

TRANSPARENCY We deliver information about the funds used to assist victims of mass tragedy in Colorado in a timely manner.

PARTNERSHIP We collaborate with community stakeholders who are essential in collecting funds for victims in the aftermath of a tragedy.



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ACTIVATIONS

STEM SCHOOL HIGHLANDS RANCH - On May 7, 2019, a school shooting occurred at the STEM High School in Highlands Ranch. In the months following CHF received donations totaling \$18,019.16. Of those donations, \$8,481.12 were distributed to the Colorado Organization of Victim Assistance (COVA) and the STEM Center for Strength to assist immediate and long-term needs related to the victims of the shooting. The remaining funds, plus interest, of \$10,383.69 were granted to the STEM Center for Strength in April 2022.



FEED THE FRONTLINES DENVER - In May 2020, during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Colorado, the Board of Trustees (Board) approved a resolution to have CHF take on the role of fiscal sponsor for an initiative called Feed the Frontlines Denver (FTFD). As the fiscal sponsor, CHF provides the legal and financial framework for FTFD. This legitimizes the initiative and provides a secure path for collecting and distributing donations. FTFD has proved over 8,000 meals to frontline healthcare workers at nine frontline partner locations, which include: Denver Health, National Jewish, the Denver Police Department, Colorado Children's Hospital, Mountain Vista Senior Living Community, and others.

BOULDER SUPERMARKET TRAGEDY - On March 22, 2021, the Colorado Healing Fund (CHF) activated in response to the mass shooting that occurred at the Table Mesa King Soopers in Boulder, Colorado, also known as the Boulder Supermarket Tragedy. Ten individuals lost their lives that day and hundreds of people were directly impacted, either as witnesses, associates of King Soopers, or as family members of the deceased. CHF, in accordance with its mission and guiding protocols, determined the Boulder Supermarket Tragedy fit within the criteria for activation and made this decision public following the press conference held by the Boulder Police Department. Criteria the CHF Board of Trustees takes into consideration when deciding to activate are the nature and scale of the event, the number of murdered and injured individuals, those directly witnessing or affected by the violent act, the likelihood of adverse community impact, and the potential for exhaustion of currently available resources. Once activated, the CHF officially provides a secure location for the public to donate. As of June 2022, CHF has collected approximately \$4,700,000.00 for Boulder and disbursed \$3,044,000.00. Of that \$3,044,000.00, \$2,441,000.00 was disbursed as cash disbursements to the 10 families, 28 individuals named in the criminal trial, and three fiancés of victims (the amounts difference between the groups), and \$603,000.00 was provided to COVA to support any immediate needs, travel, etc, of the survivors and those immediately impacted. Furthermore, \$959,100.00 was pledged to support the work at the Boulder Strong Resource Center, as the center was created to provide mental and emotional support and clinical therapy to individuals impacted by the shooting. CHF continues to work with partners, including COVA, to distribute funds and has a plan in place for the intermediate and long-term support of those impacted.

COLORADO SPRINGS CANTERBURY MOBILE HOME PARK SHOOTING - On May 9th, 2021, CHF activated in response to the mass shooting that occurred in the Canterbury Mobile Home Park in Colorado Springs, CO. Seven individuals lost their lives that day, including the perpetrator. CHF, in accordance with its mission and guiding protocols, on May 11th, determined the Canterbury Mobile Home Park Tragedy fit within the criteria for activation and made this decision public following the press conference held by the Colorado Springs Police Department. While only around \$32,000.00 has been donated by the public through CHF, CHF immediately disbursed \$75,000 from its seed fund, which is a fund set aside specifically to allow for immediate disbursement of funds and ensuring essential immediate needs are covered. This disbursement covered direct cash disbursement to family members, funeral costs, travel for the funeral, and basic needs.



DENVER-LAKEWOOD MASS SHOOTING - On December 28th, 2021, CHF activated in response to the mass shooting that occurred throughout Denver and Lakewood, CO. Five individuals lost their lives and three were injured during a shooting spree, including a targeted attack on the Sol Tribe Tattoo shop on South Broadway. CHF, in accordance with its mission and guiding protocols as well as upon the request of victim advocate in the affected areas, determined the mass casualty event fit the criteria for activation of the fund. As of June 2022, approximately \$73,000.00 were donated by the public. \$50,000.00 has been disbursed through COVA to be distributed as cash disbursements to the five families and three individuals injured, as well as provide financial assistance for any immediate needs identified by survivors or those directly impacted by the tragedy. CHF continues to work with the victim advocates to understand what needs there are in relationship to the shooting and disburse funding in the intermediate and potentially in the long term (if there is funding left at that time).